

REMARKS

The indication of the allowability of Claims 7-9 and 14 is noted with appreciation. In this connection, Applicants note that the essential subject matter of allowable Claim 7 is now included in Claim 1. Also, that subject matter is found in Claim 15.

Applicants have attempted to address the objections to the specification to the extent still in issue in view of the cancellation of Claims 10-12. Likewise they have attempted to address the issued raised under 35 U.C.S. § 112, paragraph 2 but would request reconsideration of the following.

As to the drawing objection, Applicants submit that the feature of Claim 8 is adequately shown in the eyes of one of ordinary skill by the reference numerals 42, 44 in Fig. 2 referring to the traction belt and store [0024]. That is, Applicants believe that they have compiled with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as regards the Claim 8 subject matter.

With regard to Claim 15, the misspelling aside, Applicants cannot understand what is unclear to one skilled in this art about an "imminent impact accident." This means an all-too-certain impending impact with another body. If Applicants have misunderstood the nature of the issue raised in the Office Action, they would appreciate further amplification.

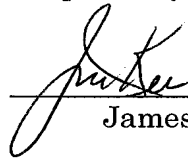
The rejection of Claims 1-6, 10-13 and 15 as being unpatentable over DE '290 in view of Browne et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is now deemed moot for the reasons set for the above. Early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited by the issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57675US).

Respectfully submitted,

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